

**MINUTES
PARK COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
City Hall, Room 207
5 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen David Nennig, Chris Wery, and John Vanderleest

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderman Andy Nicholson

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Cramer, Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen, Rick Jensen, Ald. Scannell, Ald. Dorff, and Ald. Steuer

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2016

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Vanderleest to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2016. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Agenda

No motion was made.

1. Discussion/Action on a request by Olde Main Street to host an Art & Sole 5K walk at Whitney Park on Saturday, August 27, 2016

Whitney Park will be utilized for packet pick-up and post-race events. The start of the race will be at 620 Main Street near the new mural. They are expecting approximately 200 people.

Participants will take part in either a 5K run or walk (or both!) through the Arts District. Olde Main Street is a non-profit organization. They have gone to the Special Events Committee with this request. The event will begin at 9 a.m.

Staff shared a map of the walk route.

A motion was made by Ald. Vanderleest and seconded by Ald. Wery to approve the request by Olde Main Street to host an Art & Sole 5K walk at Whitney Park on Saturday, August 27, 2016, contingent upon the following:

- All costs of the event are the responsibility of Olde Main Street;
- All proper permits and insurances being obtained;
- Olde Main Street is responsible for all security;
- Must adhere to all noise ordinances and regulations;
- No alcohol will be served in the park;
- Final approval of the City Special Events Committee.

Motion carried.

2. Discussion/Action on the purchase of 535 St. George Street (Parcel 7-666) for the East River Trail expansion

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business as necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Vanderleest to move into closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Vanderleest and seconded by Ald. Wery to approve and move forward with the purchase of 535 St. George Street (Parcel 7-666) for the East River Trail expansion as directed in closed session. Motion carried.

3. Discussion/Action on a request by Ald. Scannell to look into building the East River Trail with solar pavement

At the City Council meeting on May 3, 2016, Ald. Scannell placed a communication to research the potential use of solar paving for constructing the East River Trail. Staff has researched the product on the Internet. These solar panels consist of hexagonal solar units that are linked together creating a solid pavement surface. The surface consists of tempered glass with bumps that may be able to handle the weight of vehicles. There is solar panel technology incorporated into each panel with LED lighting and heating panels built in. The lighting can be set to any desired pattern, including lane striping or decorative patterns. Each panel can be heated a few degrees warmer than the freezing temperature so that there would be no need to plow the trail.

From the research staff has completed, there does seem to be some conflicting information online as to the viability of this pavement. Staff was not able to find any information on how much this system will cost. In addition to the purchase and installation of the product, an electrical tunnel would have to be constructed adjacent to the trail, which will add to the cost of the trail construction. The product website indicates that they are still in the trial phase, and the product is not for sale yet. There is also an online debate as to whether the panels can really generate enough energy to power the lighting or the heating elements. In addition, it is unclear if the lighting is bright enough to be seen during the day.

Staff's recommendation is to receive and place on file until more information can be obtained.

Ald. Scannell stated that places in Europe are using solar pavement successfully. He did not know if the product was available in the U.S. and if there were contractors who could construct it. There might be grant money available to help cover costs if we do consider this type of pavement in the future. He requested staff to continue looking for more information, and he will provide staff with the products of his research as well.

Ald. Nennig commented that there are parts of the trail where this type of surface would be a benefit.

A motion was made by Ald. Vanderleest and seconded by Ald. Wery to receive and place on file the request by Ald. Scannell to look into building the East River Trail with solar paving. Motion carried.

4. Report of the Purchasing Manager

A. Request approval to award a contract for repairs to the floor hoist at the east-side Park Shop to Petroleum Equipment Service of WI, LLC for \$17,582

Purchasing Manager Rick Jensen stated that five vendors attended the site inspection and showed interest in doing the project. However, only one bid came in. The Purchasing Department followed up with the vendors. One stated the company was too busy; one would only bid on time and materials. The quote that was received was from the vendor who originally installed the hoist and knew what the repair would entail. The recommendation is an award to Petroleum Equipment Service of WI, LLC for \$17,582. The budget for this project was \$17,000 for the repair. The repair came in under budget; however, due to the savings, the department is recommending relocation of the controls. In many cases, the controls are located in the floor where they are subject to moisture, dirt, and grease. Placing the controls on the wall will take away that element.

The plungers and seals are leaking badly, which causes the hoist to not hold up the piece of equipment. This is a safety concern as the equipment put on the hoist drops. It is possible the equipment could land on the mechanics.

It was noted that this agenda item stated the floor hoist in need of repairs was located at the east-side Park Shop when it is actually located at the west-side Park Shop.

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Vanderleest to approve the award of a contract for repairs to the floor hoist at the west-side Park Shop to the lowest responsive, responsible vendor, Petroleum Equipment Service of WI, LLC, for \$17,582. Motion carried.

B. Request approval to award a contract for floor tile replacement in the 5th and 6th Floor hallways at City Hall to Koehler Flooring, Inc. for \$20,515

R. Jensen said that we had three vendors that typically do work for the City attend the site inspection for this project. One bid was received from Koehler Flooring. They have done work for the City before. The bid is \$5,500 lower than the budget for this project. The recommendation is to award the contract to Koehler Flooring, Inc. for \$20,515.

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Vanderleest to approve the award of a contract for floor tile replacement in the 5th and 6th Floor hallways at City Hall to Koehler Flooring, Inc. for \$20,515. Motion carried.

C. Discussion with possible action regarding the award of a contract for fiberglass repairs for the Falling Star Ride at Bay Beach Amusement Park

R. Jensen stated this was put out for bid, and none were received. The project is very specialized. The Purchasing Department reached out to four qualified vendors in the area, and none of them submitted a bid. Timing was an issue for some of the vendors. Staff worked to change some specifications, and the project went out for bid again. One quote was received from Fiberglass Solutions who has done this type of work for the City in the past. The recommendation is to award the contract to Fiberglass Solutions for \$10,728.

The Friends of Bay Beach purchased the used Falling Star ride and donated it to the City of Green Bay. The City has committed to funding the restoration and installation of the ride. One of the last remaining items that needs to be addressed is the fiberglass repair on the seats and chain cover. The work consists of repairing all of the fiberglass scratches, cracks, and holes. A new gel coat surface will be installed, and all of the pieces will be painted silver with metallic flakes. Please note that blue portions of the seat are in good condition and will not be changed. Only the yellow portions of the seats will be restored.

Ald. Vanderleest asked if the ride was currently operating. Staff responded that it is in the process of being restored.

Ald. Wery questioned if it was the goal to have the ride running this year. Staff replied yes.

A motion was made by Ald. Vanderleest and seconded by Ald. Wery to award the contract for fiberglass repairs for the Falling Star ride at Bay Beach Amusement Park to the lowest responsive, responsible vendor, Fiberglass Solutions, for \$10,728, which includes Option A for the painting. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

Bay Beach had a record-breaking opening weekend. Records were set both on Saturday and Sunday. The new rides were a success. Both were very busy. The Rockin' Tug is not a thrill ride for adults, but it is unique in that both adults and their children can ride on it together.

The Golden Memories Ball will take place this Friday at the Bay Beach Pavilion from 7-10 p.m. Eddie Larsen & the Classic Memories Dance Band will be providing the music.

Our tennis and bocce ball leagues started April 24, 2016.

Pools open Saturday, June 11, 2016. Finding Lifeguards continues to be a struggle. Staff is working with the Board of Education as lifeguarding used to be taught as part of school curriculum, and we would like to see that reinstated. If you know of any strong swimmers 16 years and older, encourage them to apply. Our staff will train them.

All docks are in at the Metro Boat Launch.

We had a generous donation of 1,300 rainbow trout that were released in the East Shore Lagoon at the Wildlife Sanctuary. There is presently a contest going on where we released a golden trout. The person who catches the golden trout will receive prizes from the Wildlife Sanctuary.

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Vanderleest to receive and place on file the Director's Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Vanderleest to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.